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Attn: Melissa Miller-Henson
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
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Dear Melissa,

My name is W. Scott Dunn and I am writing to nominate myself for the South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group. I am highly motivated to work with you all on this very important project and feel that my deep knowledge of the coastal and island areas and resources, experience in working in like matters in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and long residency in the area would be of great benefit for this project.

As a nearly 38 year resident of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties living, working and playing on the ocean I bring the following experience and relative perspective to the table;

- 17 years as a professional kayak guide along the coast from Morro Bay through Ventura and out at the Channel Islands. And a total of 20 years as an avid kayaker with trip experience that covers nearly the entire west coast.
- Nearly four years sitting on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary's Advisory Council as the Non-Consumptive Recreation Representative, (2 as alternate, 1.5 as the seat). I imagine this experience and my contact with the non-consumptive recreational users of the area would be of great value to this endeavor.
- A member of the Channel Islands Sanctuary Naturalist Corp and training as a National Park Naturalist, further exposing myself to this non-consumptive constituency.
- A certified NAUI Open Water and Rescue Diver for the past 15 years.

All this relative experience has given me a unique perspective on the ocean resources in the area and my continued involvement with ocean matters keeps me in constant contact with my constituency. When time allows, I attend conservation, fishing and science working groups relative the CINMS, so that I can keep abreast of the differing perspectives involved with the Sanctuary's stakeholders. Over the years I have formed many great relationships with a wide variety of the kinds of stakeholders that would be directly affected by the establishment of these MLPAs. From the folks who ferry people to the islands, to whale watch boat operators, kayak outfitters, sailors, to recreational and commercial fisher folk. All this coupled with my experience on the CINMS-SAC and its relative multi stakeholder environment provide, I feel, a valuable resource that would be great resource for this MLPA process. I am ready and willing to make the sacrifice in time and

effort I understand it will take to participate in this venture. I am happy to answer any questions you may have and look forward to the opportunity to work with you and all the people involved with this very important process.

Kind Regards,

W. Scott Dunn